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Remarks:

Reconsideration of the above referenced application in view of the enclosed amendment and remarks is requested. Claims 1, 5-6, 12, 16-17, 23-29, and 31-32 have been amended to more clearly recite that the user profiles and updates are communicated between the client/portable and server/host processors, where the user typically performs activities on the portable processor. Claims 1-6, 8-17 and 19-33 remain in the application.

ARGUMENT

Claims 1-6, 8-17 and 19-33 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 6,310,889 to Parsons et al. (hereinafter, "Parsons et al."). This rejection is respectfully traversed and Claims 1-33 are believed allowable based on the above amendments and following discussion.

Independent Claims 1, 6, 12, 17, 23 and 25 are amended to explicitly recite that the user profiles are stored on one of the portable (client) processor or the host (server) processor. Automatic updates to the user profile are communicated between the portable processor and the host processor. It is also made clear that the user performs activities on the portable processor that affect the user profiles. Parsons et al. do not teach a system where user profiles are copied, stored or updated between a portable processor (where a user interacts directly with the portable device) and a host processor (used to access network services and possibly the Internet).

Parsons et al. teach a system for servicing data access requests from users connected to a distributed service network comprising determining the user, the communications client used to connect to the network and the data stream conversions required for the user to communicate between the communications client and one or more accessed services. The users connect to the network via the clients 40 (Figures 1 & 2). Parsons et al. teach that the client can connect to the network via a local/home region 18a or via a remote region 18b (see Figure 3). The clients, or users, are not shown in Figure 3, and are external to these systems. When a user connects to the network via a remote region, at least a portion of the personal agent is replicated from the home

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region and copied to the remote region. This is done, at least, because the personal agent is used to authenticate the user with userid and password. Other information in the agent define services for which the user is authorized, perhaps including additional userids and passwords for those additional services.

The Examiner asserts that the personal agent of Parsons et al. is the same as the user profile of Applicant's claimed invention. However, regardless of the differences between the user profile and personal agent, Parsons et al. teach replication and transfer of the personal agent between two regions (18a and 18b) and not between the client 40 and a server network 14.

In contrast, Applicant's claimed invention (at least, Claim 1) requires that a user profile comprising a user environment is stored on the first processor-based system (server), dynamically updating the user profile based on the user activity on the second processor-based system (client) and automatically creating a version of the profile for use on the client. Applicant's invention is intended to enable user profiles to be stored on a host processor and enable multiple users to connect to the host and other network services using the user-specific stored profiles. The user can update the profiles by logging onto the host processor directly, or via a portable device. The user has access to network and other services when connected to the host processor via the portable processor device. The user profiles are also continuously updated on the portable device. The updated profiles are forwarded automatically to the host server, for updating, at power down, time out or other defined events. In some claimed embodiments, the user profile is store on the portable device and sends automatic updates to the host. In either case, this interaction between a portable (client) device and the host (server) device is not taught or suggested by Parsons et al.

Parsons et al. do not teach user profiles being sent between the client (portable processor) and server (host processor), in either direction. Nor do they teach that updates are sent from the client to the server upon a pre-selected event (power down or time out). Parsons et al. do not teach how the client maintains, modifies or updates the user profile, or whether it is communicated to/from the server. Parsons et al. teach that the client is authenticated and then the personal agent, or portions thereof, are transmitted back and forth between the home and remote regions, but not the client and server network. Therefore, the Examiner has not shown a prima facie case of obviousness and the rejection should be withdrawn. The remaining Claims depend

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on an allowable base claim. Therefore, all claims remaining in the application are now allowable.

CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing, Claims 1-6, 8-17 and 19-33 are all in condition for allowance. If the Examiner has any questions, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at (703) 633-6845. Early issuance of Notice of Allowance is respectfully requested. Please charge any shortage of fees in connection with the filing of this paper, including extension of time fees, to Deposit Account 02-2666 and please credit any excess fees to such account.

Respectfully submitted,

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